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SUBJECT: Haloperidol (Haldol®) Protocol Change

TO: New Hampshire Paramedics, Medical Directors, EMS Unit Leaders, and

EMS Hospital Coordinators

FROM: The NH Bureau of EMS and NH Medical Control Board

On November 15, 2007 the NH Medical Control Board voted unanimously to update the NH Patient Care Protocol 2.2 Behavioral Emergencies Including Suicide Attempts and Threats – Adult & Pediatric, by changing the administration of haloperidol to IM only.

This change reflects the recent notice from the FDA which informed healthcare professionals that haloperidol injection is approved for intramuscular use only.

You may find more information at:

http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2007/safety07.htm#Haloperidol

The updated NH Patient Care Protocols Version 3 has been posted to the NH Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Service's website:

http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/advlifesup/patientcare.html